

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 24 of page 15 as follows:

When the endoscopic image displayed on the monitor 7 is out of focus, the user operates the control switch 45 to adjust the focus. A case where the lens frame 36 is moved (forward ~~or backward~~) toward the imaging device 35 will now be described.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 of page 29 as follows:

The imaging-device frame 37 has a slide contact portion which is fitted on the inner wall of the housing 24 with a predetermined proper frictional force. More specifically, the slide contact portion on the outer surface of the imaging-device frame 37 is slidable on the inner wall of the housing 24 with the predetermined proper frictional force. The protrusion 36b on the outer surface of the lens frame 36 is fixed to the contact portion 38a ~~48a~~ on the inner wall of the housing 24 using the fixing member 49.